



# Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Dear Families

It was good to see so many of you for the Parent Teacher meetings on Wednesday. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's learning and progress with you. If you were not able to attend your appointment on the day, please do get in touch with your child's class teachers to arrange another date.

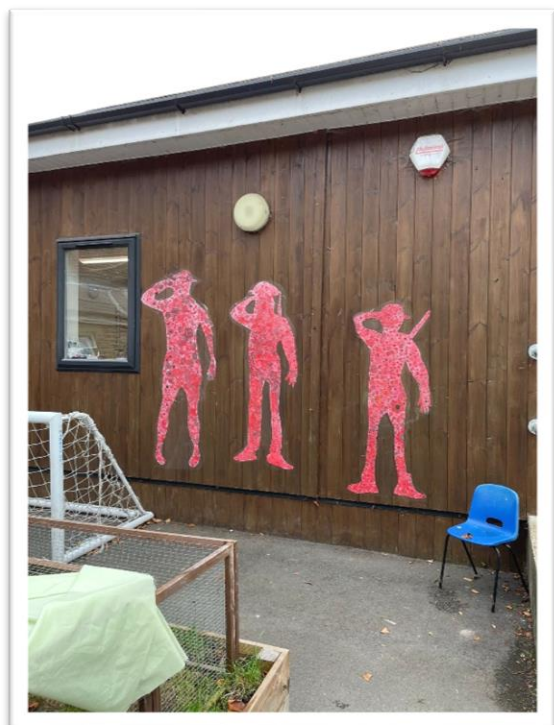
## Staffing Update:

Some of you will be aware that Ms Reynolds has been Interim SENCO since Mrs Saunders went on maternity leave near the end of the summer term. We are now pleased to announce that, from January, Mrs Cathy Hollis will be fulfilling the role of Federation SENCO across both Clandon and Shere. We are delighted to be increasing our capacity to support children who need additional and different provision and look forward to welcoming Mrs Hollis to Clandon in the new year.

## Focus on Remembrance:

This week we have been preparing for our Remembrance observance this morning. The children have written poems and prayers and created beautiful crafts focusing on the poppy; that glowing symbol of remembrance as we thankfully recall those who have given their lives in war.





### **Start of the School Day:**

School gates are open from 8.45 to 8.55am. On arrival in the classroom, children get on with early work such as finishing off work, filing work, or a new piece of work and the teachers give information about the day ahead. This means that prompt arrival every day is very important – even a few minutes lateness causes children to miss important information. Registers are called at 9.00am and children arriving after this time up to 9.15am will be marked as late. Children who arrive after 9.15am will be coded as U on the register (late after registers close) which means the whole session for which they arrive late is classed as an unauthorised absence.



### Forest School Open Morning:

A huge thank you to those who kindly gave their time last Saturday to prepare our Forest School site for the autumn and winter. It was a very wet morning but a lot was achieved.

Tomorrow, **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**, we are holding a Forest School Open Morning from **10.00am-12.00pm**. If you know any families currently looking for infant or primary school places do let them know about this event. Parents of current Clandon and Shere families, who are interested in finding out more about Forest School, are also welcome. The Wilderness is a wonderful resource that is regularly used and loved by the children and staff of Clandon and Shere Schools and we welcome this opportunity to share it with parents.



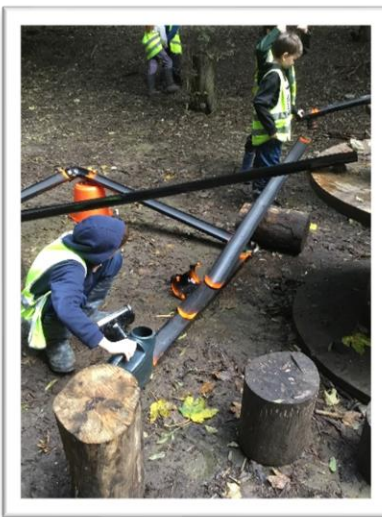
### Focus on Forest School by Mrs Becky Saunders (Forest School Assistant):

What a wonderful return to our Forest School Wilderness since half-term! Across the school, children have been making full use of the opportunities to learn, grow and play at Forest School. Some have started to hone their woodcraft skills through sawing, wood splitting, hedgelaying and whittling (see the knives being made by Kestrels this week). Others have created log art using hammer, nails and yarn (see the tree made by a Kestrels pupil). Other seasonal crafts have included making spiders webs, conker spiders, and "god's eye" poppies. They've also enjoyed more campfire cookery - toasting sugared cinnamon apples. Speaking of campfires, some children have practiced using the "flint and steel" (see the sparks made by a Squirrels pupil!).

Besides all this, we've observed seasonal changes in our woodland as we are now well into Autumn - a treat for the senses with the changing colours of the leaves (Woodlands class children picked up on their classroom learning and noticed both evergreen and deciduous trees in our Wilderness), the sounds of raindrops and the wind, spotting a variety of fungi and the joys of mud play! As the weather gets ever wetter and cooler, we would ask that all children wear layers to keep warm, and bring waterproof coat, trousers and boots to school each week.

As ever we offer a familiar structured routine each session which includes a "mindful moment" and a talk about safety guidelines. Alongside this, we offer a selection of activities, as well as the usual ones like the swing, mud kitchen, trench digging, water play (using the fab new gutters that were generously donated to us) and, weather permitting, climbing tree. The children are encouraged to try new things, but ultimately, the choice is theirs and we are always delighted to see where their energy takes them!

We look forward to seeing those who have signed up at our Forest School Open Morning, from 10am tomorrow - an opportunity for you to experience our wonderful forest, with your children!





### **Messy Church Invitation:**

Once you've visited the Wilderness, the Clandon churches would love to welcome you at the British Legion for Messy Church in the Poppy Room for Remembrance Day Poppy themed events.



### **MESSY REMEMBRANCE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.00-5.00pm**

**Poppy Room, West Clandon RBL**

All families are invited to join our wonderful Rector Barnaby and the Messy Church team as we think about what Remembrance Day means

to all of us. There will be Poppy-themed crafts, fun and celebration followed by a delicious tea for everyone! (Please let us know in advance of any dietary issues.) If you are coming along, please let Tessa know so we can make sure there are crafts and food for all!

[tessa@clandon-churches.org](mailto:tessa@clandon-churches.org)

**Coming up...Saturday 9 December**

**Messy Christmas** in East Clandon Village Hall, 3-5pm.

### **School Car Park:**

We would like to remind you that the school car park is primarily for staff cars. For specific reasons some families have permission from school to use the school car park for drop off and collection. Owing to the small size and layout of the staff car park it is dangerous to have unauthorised cars using the school car park. There have been a number of near misses involving children, as well as risk of accident damage to cars queuing in the road. If you do not have a permission slip from school please ensure you allow time and use the car park at Clandon Park. This enables you and your child to enjoy a short walk in the morning to wake up in the fresh air and have a chat before your child starts their school day.

### **Mufti Day next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:**

Please come to school dressed in your home clothes in exchange for a bottle of something to drink for the Christmas Fair bottle tombola.



**Help for Families Facing Hardship at Christmas:**

If your family may be eligible for the Stripey Stork or Jigsaw donated vouchers to help with children's Christmas gifts, please contact Miss McGowan, in confidence, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November by email to [kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk). (Information about both schemes is available in newsletters from the past couple of weeks.)

Warmest wishes from

**Vicky Voller, Headteacher & Stacey Reynolds, Head of School**

**The Newlands Federation**

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**Tel Shere: 01483 202198**

**PLEASE NOTE the new Active Hour mobile number: 07377 147643**

## Autumn Term Dates

\*New dates added or updated event

November	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale after school
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6	Friendship Workshop with Matrix Trust
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Forest School Working Party 10am-12pm
	Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Individual Photographs
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Parent Teacher Meetings 1-6pm
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Remembrance Visit to Memorial at the Church
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Families	Forest School Open Morning 10am-12pm
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Mufti Day - donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 4pm finish
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

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